

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 69, lines 15-22:

Moreover, a pUC19-neo vector was prepared by inserting neomycin-resistant gene amplified from pcDNA3.1(+) vector (Invitrogen) by the following primers (oligomers 3 and 4 ~~5 and 6~~, SEQ ID Nos. 14 and 15 ~~16, 17~~) into a site of the restriction enzyme *NdeI* of the pUC19 vector. A ~~a~~-fragment having RNA suppression function cleaved with *EcoRI*, *HindIII* from the pUC19H1-Lamin vector was inserted into the *EcoRI*, *HindIII* cleavage site of this vector to make a Lamin A/C gene function suppression vector.